

Winter Storm Travel Advisory/Warning Definitions

Pendleton County has two levels of Travel Condition Notifications. These are standardized formats used to inform the media of road conditions who in turn broadcast this information to county residents. A Level 1 Advisory lets people know there are hazardous travel conditions and advises them to use caution. A Level 2 Warning lets people know there are *extremely* hazardous travel conditions and warns them to travel only if absolutely necessary. During a Level 2, County officials recommend people stay off the roads…however, it is not enforceable by law.

Some Counties have a Level 3 Warning whereby that County has an Ordinance in place that restricts travel on the roadways and is enforced by law. Pendleton County does not have a Level 3 Warning Ordinance or the resources it would require to enforce such an Ordinance.

Winter Storm Travel Advisory (Level 1)

A Winter Storm Travel Advisory is used to notify residents of the County that road conditions are hazardous and to use caution when driving. It will follow the format below:

With the recommendation from individuals such as the County Road Department Supervisor, Pendleton County Magistrates, County Sheriff and the Judge/Executive, the Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management will issue a travel advisory for Pendleton County, Kentucky.

A travel advisory is intended to notify Pendleton County residents of hazardous road conditions. **Cautious driving is advised.** The travel advisory will be effective until further notice (or a specific time established by officials at the time of the issuance of the travel advisory). (Additional related travel information may also be disseminated to the public in the body of the travel advisory.)

This travel advisory will be rescinded by the Office of Emergency Management when, upon recommendation of the County Road Department, road conditions are no longer in a dangerous or hazardous condition.

Winter Storm Travel Warning (Level 2)

A Winter Storm Travel Warning is used to notify residents of the County that roadways are extremely hazardous and only motorists whose travel is absolutely necessary should be on the roadways. County officials are requesting travel be limited to essential travel or emergency vehicles only. It will follow the format below:

Upon recommendation from county officials such as the County Road Department Supervisor, Pendleton County Magistrates, the County Sheriff and the Judge/Executive, the Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management has issued a travel warning for Pendleton County, Kentucky.

This travel warning is intended to notify Pendleton County residents that roadways are extremely hazardous with blowing and drifting snow or ice. Only motorists whose travel is absolutely necessary should be on the roadways. Residents are urged to contact their employer to see if they should report to work. County officials are requesting that travel in Pendleton County be limited to essential travel or emergency vehicles only.

Essential travel is defined as that travel necessitated for life sustaining means, including but not limited to; travel for medical purposes, travel for obtainment of food or water, travel for employment purposes, or travel for obtainment of heating fuel or heating sources. This travel warning is not mandatory nor is it an order declaring nonessential traffic illegal.

This travel warning will be effective until further notice (or a specific time established by officials at the time of the issuance of the travel advisory). (Additional related travel information may also be disseminated to the public in the body of the travel advisory.)

This travel warning will be rescinded by the Office of Emergency Management when, upon recommendation of the County Road Department Supervisor, road conditions are no longer in a dangerous or hazardous condition. Repeal of the travel warning will be issued to the media outlets listed in the Pendleton County Emergency Operations Plan.

Boone County: Level 1, 2 and 3 Kenton County: Level 1, 2 and 3 Campbell County: Level 1 and 2

Bracken County: 1, 2 and 3